Rural Leadership Program To Be Continued

A major rural leadership development program, initiated in the state in 1970, will be continued and expanded during the next three years, Dr. James M. Beattie, dean of The Pennsylvania State University College of - Agriculture, announced recently.

The Public Affairs Leadership Program, which thus far has provided intensive training in analyzing rural problems for 264 young men and women, will be assisted by an additional grant of



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\$261,034 from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, of Battle Creek, Michigan. The grant will be utilized over a three-year period.

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation provided a grant of \$512,788 in 1970 to launch the Public Affairs Leadership Program.

This "grassroots" educational program will be conducted jointly by the University's Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology and the Cooperative Extension Service. Dr. Robert E. Howell, assistant professor of rural sociology extension, serves as program director.

"Many of the 264 young men and women who have already participated in the program have become actively engaged in solving rural problems," said Dr. Beattie. "Some are serving in community and agricultural leadership positions they had never before conceived of pursuing."

He added that "Given the growing complexity of rural problems and the increasing demands placed upon local leaders, it is essential that we provide more educational programs in community decision-making and public affairs leadership."

The "three-pronged" proposal calls for a series of statewide twoyear programs involving 30 days' of intensive training for 72 selected participants each year; multicounty-based workshops focusing on local public affairs issues; and several statewide public affairs forums where current issues will be debated and discussed by experts. A series of correspondence courses in public decision-making will also be developed as resources are made available.

The statewide two-year phase of the program, for men and women between the ages of 20 and 40, is primarily a continuation of the present program. It offers an integrated sequence of workshops and home study on such topics as public decisionmaking; economic, social, and political changes affecting rural areas; communications; community resource development; local planning; and public finance.

The first-year phase will be climaxed by a trip to Harrisburg for a seminar on state government and state services available to local communities. The second-year program will include a field trip to Washington, D. C., for a seminar on federal government and federal services for communities.

Faculty of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology will form the nucleus of the instructional staff. In addition, key instructors from other colleges of the University and resource persons from other universities, government, and industry will assist with the instructional program.

Additional financial support for fellowships awarded to participants in the statewide twoyear program is provided by contributions from businesses and corporations, and other interested individuals.

Proposals under the new grant were based upon experience gained during the present program. The design of the expanded phase was based upon recommendations made by a committee of county, regional, and state Extension Service staff who have assisted with the program during the past three years. Additional recommendations included in the proposal were made by the **Program's 24-member Advisory** Council comprised of representatives from major public and private organizations within the Commonwealth.

Food Preparation With A Flair

Something's cooking! It's "Food Preparation with a Flair". Six food preparation classes taught by Gray Sellers will be sponsored by the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Service beginning Tuesday, October 9th.

Classes will be held each week at the Farm and Home Center Extension Training Room from 7 to 9 p.m. from Tuesday October 9 through Tuesday November 13. Foods which will be demonstrated and tasted include appetizers, soups, salads, quick breads, and egg and cheese dishes.

Registration is open to a limited number of interested people. A nominal fee will be charged to cover the cost of foods. For more information contact the Lancaster County Extension Office by Monday, October 8 (Telephone: 394-6851).







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